## SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

The Southern Pacific Company has established a news bureau that sends out leaflets on interesting subjects. It is a good move. Too long have the large corporations gone their own way and let the public come to them when it had to and find out what it could. Also, many of these items are of beneficial use. As, for instance, their report of the number of accidents due to automobiles carelessly driven across tracks as indicated by the breaking of the protective gates which, being down in order to be broken, are conclusive evidence of careless driving. The following item in regard to the increase in the number of elk in this state will be news to most of us:

So abundant are elk becoming in several parts of California that it will be proper to allow some hunting within the next few years, according to Director Barton W. Evermann of the California Academy of Sciences, which is aiding in the distribution of the animals from the Miller & Lux ranch at Buttonwillow, Cal. Reports received show that all of the shipments during 1914 were successful and that the herds show every indication of a rapid increase in numbers. The Southern Pacific recently handled the following elk shipments:

- 4 elk (1 male and 3 females) to Mooney Park, Visalia.
- I female to City Park, Fresno.
- I male and 2 females to the private ranch of A. V. Lisenby, Fresno.
- I male to the private park of John Zapp, Fresno.
- 2 males and 2 females to Alum Rock Park, San Jose.
- I male and 3 females to A. T. Hain, Cook, Cal., for the Vancouver Pinnacles Reservation.
- I male and 4 females to J. F. Dunne for liberation on his private ranch.
- I male and 5 females to the City Park, Santa Cruz.
- 4 females to Boulder Creek for the Big Basin reservation.
- 3 males and 9 females to the City of Sacramento for Del Paso Park.
- 2 males and 10 females to Petaluma for its public park.
- 2 males and 10 females to Willits, Mendocino County, for the ranch in Eden Valley in which Henry D. Nichols and Wm. G. Henshaw are interested.
- 3 males and 19 females to San Diego for Balboa Park.

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